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Student concerns voiced on KWAR show

by PAM HOVEY

A phone-in talk show addressed the issue of tuition increases on KWAR Wednesday night. Guests for the program included Ivan "Ike" Ackerman, member of the Board of Regents, Student Body President Janette Jurgensen, senior, Student Body Vice President Kurt Wolfgram, senior, and Academic Ombudsperson Jeff Eyres, senior.

Throughout the evening students were invited to phone in their concerns. Hosts for the weekly program are seniors Roger Bradley, Mick Ring and Art Sunleaf.

Ackerman said he was there to learn how tuition increases affect students and their families. He was not representing the Board of Regents but speaking as an individual. The guests answered and discussed a wide range of questions brought up by callers.

President Robert Vogel and Vice President for Administration and Finance Ron Matthias were also asked to appear representing the administration, but both declined the invitation.

"I find it suspicious why anyone from the administration didn't show up," Bradley said.

"I was very disappointed that Vogel or Matthias refused to participate," Wolfgram said. "There were many questions the people present weren't in a position to field, and it would have been helpful to have someone representing the administration there."

When asked why he didn't participate in the discussion Matthias said, "I didn't feel that a talk show from 12 to 2 a.m. was the best way to deal with the issue."

He also said he felt Student Senate should be the focal point of student issues.

"If there would have been a request coming from Senate for an open forum, I would have been happy to attend to discuss budget and tuition issues," Matthias said.

Vogel declined to comment on the reasons behind his refusal to appear on the talk show. However, he also expressed a desire to work with Senate.

"I am interested in looking to the future and fostering a good working relationship with Senate," he said.

One concern brought up Wednesday was the question of whether the money from tuition increases is being spent wisely.

"If they had been spending the increased tuition more wisely, Student Senate probably never would have launched this campaign," Wolfgram said. "I don't see that the dollars are being spent on the students as they could; I would rather see books instead of sidewalks and bushes."

"We are not arguing about costs," Eyres said. "We want costs justified."

Sophomore Al Feirer called and asked Ackerman if he thought the Board of Regents would be receptive to having the Student Body President become a full voting member to the Board of Regents so student input would be available.

"I don't know how the board would receive that concept, but it wouldn't bother me," Ackerman said. "But I'd want to think it through a little further. It's a possibility."

Feirer said that he felt there was a problem between the communication channels between students, the administration and the board.

The question was also brought up whether President Vogel is in touch with Wartburg College and whether he is taking students' concerns to the Board of Regents.

Bradley asked Jurgensen if students had ever gotten together and told Vogel about their concerns with tuition. When Jurgensen replied negatively, Bradley asked, "Why not go to the board with it?"

"President Vogel is here on campus nearly every day of the year," Jurgensen said. "As we see it, if he cannot figure out that there is a serious concern with tuition increases, we have to go through another channel to get it across."

When asked if Jurgensen felt Vogel was out of touch with the campus, Jurgensen responded, "If Vogel has not taken the tuition issue to the Board of Regents and shown them it's a student concern, then yes, he is out of touch with the students."

Bradley said, "The administration's refusal to be on the show indicates to me that unless the hour of the day that this program was on was a major detriment, that doesn't seem to me to be a president who is truly interested in what the students think, or their questions."

When Eyres addressed the issue, he said, "I have seen the administration's reactions to this campaign and realize that there are some big vacancies in information being made available to the students.

"There is a paranoia about dispersion of information that isn't healthy," Eyres continued, "and it doesn't represent a good relationship between the student body and the president of the college."

Wolfgram concluded one of the main goals of STOP IT now is to get a student member on the Budget and Building Committee.

"That is the one way we can get a link directly into college decisions that affect the students," Wolfgram said. "We want the administration to know how we feel."

VALENTINE SPECIAL–The Castle Singers, under the direction of Paul Torkelson, presented "Red Hot Jazz" Friday night in Buhr Lounge for their annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Concert. Craig Gustafson photo.

Diehl speaks of need to join work, worship

by MARK ADKINS

The Henry and Helen Graven convocation series was launched last Thursday with Bill Diehl as guest speaker. Diehl, a marketing consultant and former salesman of Bethlehem Steel, talked to the Wartburg campus about connecting one's faithfulness to one's workplace.

Diehl, author of the book "Thank God, It's Monday!," also spoke in conjuction with Siritual Emphasis Week.

"You need to be able to make the connection between Sunday and the work week," Diehl said. "You can make a connection. I have read plenty of business books, and they just can't make the conversion to faith as a reason for success."

Diehl stated some facts about people and their faith. He cited a recent Gallup poll which said nine of 10 people believe in God and six of 10 attend church regularly.

While researching his book, "In Search Of Faithfulness," he saw two "problems" facing Christians in the workplace.

The first problem, according to Diehl, is one of dualism.

"We live in two totally different worlds in our faith; one is secular, the other is sacred," Diehl said. "We must follow the example of Jesus. He was in the world, not of the world. Our ministry must be in the world."

The second problem is understanding of calling. According to Diehl's research, only 25 percent of the people he surveyed felt they had been called to a particular field.

"Those 25 percent were positive about every aspect of life," Diehl said. "The Bible says we are called, like the theme of Spiritual Emphasis Week, ordinary people waiting for an extraordinary call."

Diehl cited ideas for improvement of faith in the work place including understanding competency, presence and personal relationship, ethical decision-making, change and a sense of value.

"We have to free people from workoholism and from the pressure to conform," Diehl said.

Diehl's biggest dream is "for the young people to break down the walls of dualism. We need to support and affirm one another. The whole idea is ordinary people with an extraordinary call."

Wartburg's convocation series will resume next Thursday. Joseph Diescho, author of "Born Under The Sun," will speak about the African country of Namibia. Diescho's address, entitled "Namibia: Living at the Break of Dawn," deals with Namibia's struggle for independence, its apartheid problems and the United States' role in helping Namibia.

Lockett advises 'get positively charged' at women's conference

by LUANN WRIGHT

Most people look at themselves in the mirror in the morning and cringe at the sight of their latest case of "bedhead." Nancy Lockett looks at herself and says, "I'm glad to be alive."

Lockett, curriculum consultant at AREA 7 in Waterloo, delivered the keynote address "Getting Positively Charged!" Saturday at the fourth annual Women's Day Conference. She spoke to a crowd of 130 on the "how to's" of establishing positive communication, developing a positive image and radiating positive power.

"Mental control is the key to a positive attitude," according to Lockett, who highlighted five strategies to becoming empowered. Lockett suggested starting with positive talk.

"Look at yourself in the mirror each morning and say, 'I'm glad to be alive'," she said.

Secondly, Lockett advocates a positive attitude.

"Rather than focusing on the negatives, give yourself a pat on the back when things go well," she said. "Start a journal and write down your wins."

The third strategy is to hear and feel positive material. According to Lockett, one needs to analyze the types of materials they're reading and the shows they're watching. It's easy to get caught up in the depressive mood of programs like soap operas, she said.

Surrounding yourself with people who are passionate about life was Lockett's fourth strategy.

"Hang out with people who never 'have' to go to work," she said. "Passionate people help put you on the right track."

Finally, Lockett said to empower those around you.

"Share the positive power with the people you work with," she said. "Let them know they are valuable."

Earlier this year Lockett spoke to students as part of the Leadership Series workshops.

from the editor's desk–

Indian prayer offers wisdom

There is an old American Indian prayer that goes something like this:

Great Spirit,
grant that I may not
criticize my neighbor
until I have walked a mile
in his moccasins.

This brief prayer is very appropriate for us today.

The whole STOP IT issue seems to focus not on decreasing tuition costs, but on a breakdown in communication among all members involved.

The students don't feel the administration is "in touch" with them because student concerns about tuition are not the first thing mentioned at the Board of Regents meetings.

Likewise, the administration has fears about what the students are trying to do. Do they really want to just bring their concerns to the forefront or are they really trying to get rid of the current administration?

A basic lack of communication leads to the childish game of "us" versus "them" where who started the fight is more important than the reasons behind the conflict.

It is frustrating to hear how it is labeled "suspicious" that no one from the administration showed up for Wednesday's talk show.

It was from midnight to 2 a.m.! Give 'em a break, people. Most people with jobs at 8 a.m. the following morning are going to be in bed sleeping, not fighting a losing battle with students who will sleep until noon on Thursday.

Both the students and the administration seem to have drawn the dividing lines on this issue too rapidly. No one is willing to budge or meet the other halfway.

The issue of tuition, or any other issue for that matter, will never get resolved until one side steps back and looks at the issue from the other perspective.

There are valid reasons behind people having their personal opinions. In other words, everybody is always right–from their perspective!

The challenge is not to find out why you feel they are wrong, but why they feel they are right.

Many things go into forming an opinion: individual values, emotions, upbringing, background, even the world environment of the times. The differences in these ingredients work together to make everybody wonderfully unique, but there are still similarities.

The Trumpet staff would personally like to challenge the current student body leaders, the college administration and the Board of Regents to look for the common ground they all share, namely the vision of the future Wartburg College as a friendly institution of higher education.

If the people involved are not able to find this common ground, at least I would hope they make the attempt to walk a mile in their neighbor's moccasins.

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Jack, Jill computer date

"Hi! Jill? I'm your Wartburg computer date for the evening."

"And you must be Jack, right? Come on in, I'm almost ready."

('She's ten inches taller than me. Oh, no!') "Great."

('He's bald. Ugh!') "So what do you think about this computer dating service they offer on campus?"

"I think it's amazing that you and I gave exactly the same responses. According to the computer, we're completely compatible."

"That's why I'm so excited about tonight. Well, I'm ready to go. Are you going to drive?"

"Sure. My Harley is just outside."

"We're going to take a motorcycle? But I just got a perm this afternoon!"

"That's o.k. Perms can't be that expensive."

('Stay calm, Jill. He's a male and doesn't understand.') "That'll be fine."

(Helping her on) "All settled? Say, is there any reason you're wearing a dress?"

"I thought you said over the phone that we're going to a fancy restaurant."

"No, we're going to Clancy's Restaurant. It's a combination saloon/cigar store/auto repair shop in Janesville."

"Oh. Great."

"You know, it's marvelous going out with someone you know you're totally compatible with."

"It sure is. What kind of music do you like?"

"Heavy metal mostly. Iron Maiden, AC/DC, that kind of thing. How about you?"

"Classical."

('This can't be her.') "Are you sure you're Jill?"

('There's got to be some mistake.') "Absolutely. And you're Jack?"

"Yes. Well, here we are. Sorry about the mud from that passing truck."

"No problem. This is just an old prom dress."

(Seated at a table with a waitress taking the order) "I'd like a patty melt, please, and because my date and I are the same kind of person she'll have a patty melt, too."

"I hate patty melts."

"She'll have a hot dog."

"I hate hot dogs."

"She'll just have water."

('What a jerk.') "Thanks, Jack."

('What a wet blanket.') "I tell you what. Let's skip the eating and go right to the movie."

"Fine with me."

(Seated in the movie theater) "Try some of this popcorn."

('I suppose it would be terribly impolite to tell him that he has popcorn in his teeth.') "Did you know that you have about 20 kernels of popcorn stuck in your teeth?"

('Like you floss hourly.') "Yes I did, I want them there. Did you know that you have a three-foot long run in your nylons?"

What in the World...

by Tim Pearson

"Jack, I'm suddenly not feeling very well. Take me home."

"Gladly. But my tires are losing air and they can only support one person. Would you mind walking back to campus?"

"That'll take two hours!"

"Not if you run."

('I hate computers!') "Goodnight, Jack."

('I hate computers!') "Goodnight, Jill."

Garbage men catch the spirit

Tuesday and Friday were awaited with eagerness. The roar of the diesel engine and the screech of the hydraulic cylinders rapidly drew a crowd. There was jostling for position at curbside. Garbage day! Christmas for every kid in our neighborhood.

As the big truck pulled into view, spewing forth smoke and sharing its unique aroma, the heavy-set outriders, swarthy muscles bulging under their sweaty, tattered t-shirts, would swing easily up and down, dumping garbage cans, tossing bags, boxes, whatever. Nothing seemed to phase them.

But when they came to our street they slowed noticeably. They would sometimes stop altogether, getting down on their knees to tease and talk with their curbside audience. On occasion they would playfully grab one of the more rowdy youngsters by a leg, dangling them threateningly over the open jaws of the truck, to the gleeful screams and cheers of his or her comrades.

Then it would happen. Before they left, a carefully selected "garbage-person-of-the day" was hoisted aloft, held by one of those muscular arms as THEY got to pull the lever that set the big compactor into motion. Strange how that always had to be done right by our driveway!

Needless to say, every kid on our block dreamed of one day becoming a garbage collector! There could be no higher calling, no more exciting task.

My wife was so impressed by these men and their obvious delight in what they were doing that she dropped a note of appreciation to city hall. The next time they came through one of them shouted to her, "Thanks for the letter, lady! Even though it didn't get us a raise."

Ordinary people, with an extraordinary call--making kids happy and finding fulfillment in their work. They exemplified the theme of this year's Spiritual Emphasis Week.

But then I got to pondering, "No. They were really extraordinary people doing a very ordinary job--one most people would want to avoid."

They reminded me a lot of my Uncle Harry, who had a way of making farming a real adventure during my own childhood. Uncle Harry always needed a tractor driver, just when I happened to show up.

There are a host of those extraordinary folks doing ordinary jobs right here on our Wartburg campus. Helena Savage may be the most famous. Who else draws capacity crowds to hear tales of toilet toiling? There's Will who has probably taught more students from more countries more things than many of us faculty folks. There's Lucille who knows every name on campus–and the face that goes with it. I could go on–but why don't you make your own list.

There are extraordinary students as well. I'm not just talking about Regents Scholars. These are people who find time in their busy schedules to adopt an elderly "grandparent" in our community, who go through hospice training and volunteer to aid dying strangers. These students somehow have time to stop by a floormate's room to see how they're getting along after a death in the family. They are friends who always seem to provide that listening ear.

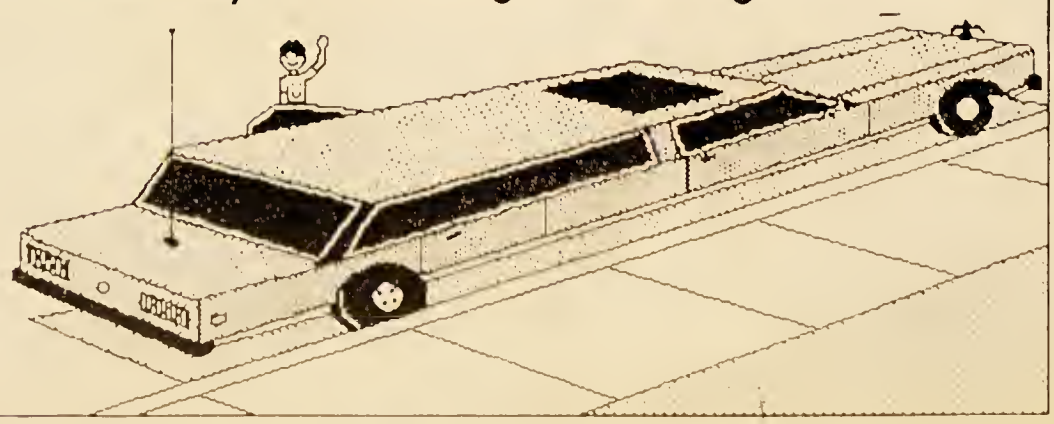
Our Spiritual Emphasis Week theme was intended to affirm lay ministry, but the more one ponders it, I think we had it backward. It's we clergy who are the ordinary people following the extraordinary call. You lay folks are the extraordinary people faithfully doing the ordinary.

Thanks for who you are and what you do!

Pastor's Ponderings

by Larry Trachte

Will this be the only kid who can go to Wartburg in the 1990's?



letter

Tuition woes inspire poem

My college tuition is rising again.
There never seems to be an end.
Where does all the money go?
I'm a student; I have the right to know.

How am I to pay this fee?
Money doesn't grow on trees.
I feel I'm taken advantage of.
I give all I can and it's never enough.

I have enough to worry about with family and tests
Without all this additional financial stress.
If tuition keeps rising year after year,
Some of "Wartburg's finest" will no longer be here.

Look at this creativity being shoved out the door.
Just because of the fact students are poor.
If you care about students as you often say,
Give us a break–Freeze tuition today.

Linda Moore
sophomore

Small towns celebrated

The Wartburg community is invited to celebrate its Midwest heritage at the Waverly Public Library with the program "A Sense of Place: Small Towns, Community and the Land," according to Patricia Coffie, director of Friends of the Waverly Public Library.

The program includes a series of book discussions on alternate Thursday nights led by Cheryl Jacobsen, assistant professor of history.

All books are provided for use during the series and refreshments will be served. The discussions will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the main floor of the Waverly Public Library at 100 2nd St. S.W. Register for the series by calling the library at 352-1223.

The series began Thursday with a discussion of "Traveled Roads" by Hamline Garland.

Other books scheduled for discussion are "Letters from the Country" by Carol Bly, Feb. 23; "Love Medicine" by Louise Erdrich, March 9; "Driving the Body Back" by Mary Swander, March 23; and "Prairie City, Iowa" by Douglas Bauer, April 6.

Recital benefits band

Dr. Warren Schmidt, professor of organ and music theory, will present a benefit recital Thursday, Feb. 16, for the Wartburg Symphonic Band's European tour during May Term.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Tickets, $4 for general admission and $2 for students, may be obtained that night at the box office.

The recital will include American, French, Italian and German contemporary and historical organ music. Composers represented on the program include Quint, Schmidt, Corelli, Bach, Messiaen and Franck.

The Wartburg Band is making its fifth quadrennial European tour April 17 through May 19 and will present concerts in the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany, Austria, Denmark and Norway. There are tentative plans for additional concerts in Switzerland and Sweden.

Newsbriefs

Chapel Schedule: Dr. William Hamm, Wartburg alum and President of Waldorf College, will lead chapel Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 10:15 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Terry Letsche will speak at Friday's Senior chapel at 10:15 a.m. in Buhr Lounge. Monday, Feb. 20 Assistant Provost Sarah Pringle-Lewis will lead chapel at 10:15 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

Sunday Campus Worship on Feb. 19 will be held in conjunction with Presidential Scholarship Day. The 10:30 a.m. service will be held in Neumann Auditorium with the Wartburg Band providing special music. Intern Pastor Susan Schubert will preach.

Good Grief meets Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Centennial Complex Apartment.

New York City during May Term? The "Circus," an urban ministry in the heart of New York City, offers students an opportunity to work with Central American refugees and teach English, while doing theological reading and reflection on the meaning of the Gospel in a pluralistic, poverty-stricken environment. The cost of $400 covers food, housing and reading material. Supervisor for the class is the Rev. David Kalke, Wartburg alum and ELCA pastor. A religion credit is available for those participating. See Campus Pastor Larry Trachte for more information.

Iowa Senator Charles Grassley announced his Field Representative, Fred Schuster, will conduct a Listening Post at the Bremer County Courthouse on Wednesday, March 1. The meeting will take place in the Board Room from 9 to 10 a.m. This is an opportunity for persons to express their views on issues or to seek assistance from Grassley on public or personal matters. Persons unable to attend, who wish to receive assistance or express opinions, may contact Grassley at 210 Waterloo Building, 531 Commercial St., Waterloo, IA 50701.

The Wartburg College pom pon squad will sponsor a clinic for youngsters in grades three through six on Saturday, Feb. 18, according to Laurie Edwards, adviser of the squad. The clinic will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Knights Gymnasium. The youngsters will learn routines and perform that evening at half-time of the Wartburg-Upper Iowa basketball game.

Senior Pamela Hovey has been added to the Dean's List for the Fall Term, according to the Provost's Office. She joins 216 students who were announced earlier.

Homosexuality panel works to increase awareness

by MARGARET EIBEN

"When did you first realize you were heterosexual and how did you feel?" responded the homosexual panel when asked, "When did you first realize you were gay?"

The panel discussion on Thursday said replacing the word "heterosexual" for "homosexual" might answer some of the questions people have about "gays."

The panel was the latest program in the Relationship Series presented by Residential Life. The complex resident assistants organized the panel of five members from the University of Northern Iowa's Gay and Lesbian Outreach (UNI-GLO): Troy W., Troy G., Lori, Wendy, Tom.

"People don't accept us and that is hard," Lori said.

Everyone on the panel agreed dealing with peers was difficult, especially when they were in high school or still "in the closet." Being labeled "gay, a fag, or queer" can be extremely damaging to a person's self-esteem and self-concept, according to the panel.

"I lost a lot of friends," Wendy said. "Then, the ones that do stick by you need to learn again what you have in common."

The panel discussed how they each came to terms with their sexual orientation. None of the five panelists said they chose to be homosexual, yet all said they were happier as homosexuals.

"Practicing homosexuals are happy," Lori said. "Non-practicing homosexuals are unhappy because they aren't being themselves."

When first told, roommates feel the homosexual is "after" them, according to Troy W. and Wendy, but that is rarely true. The homosexuality was just a secret.

The panel recommended homosexuals be honest with their roommates, but do not go too fast.

The panel said religion is an issue each individual must come to terms with in their own way.

"My God is a loving, caring God," Troy G. said.

"The Bible is an interpretation and it sometimes tends to contradict itself," Tom said. "How can you put the judgment on one sin as being greater than another sin?"

With all the societal stresses on homosexuals, the panel said friends were especially important. It is a difficult decision, however, to decide whether to tell someone about your sexual orientation.

Wendy said it is best to see how open-minded the person is.

"If they want you to know, they will tell you," Lori said.

One Wartburg student asked what role heterosexuals play and how they could help the situation.

"Educate yourself," Lori said. "If a rumor comes around, cut it down. Don't let it continue. People drop out of college because of rumors."

The entire panel stressed the importance of support. Access Line, a newsletter for "gays, lesbians and friends" is published in Waterloo. There are also pamphlets and publications offering listings of support groups and clubs.

Wartburg plans to start a homosexual support group. It will be a confidential organization. To find out more about the times and places of the meetings, contact the resident hall directors, Sue Vallem, assistant professor of Social Work, or Doris Cottam, associate professor of Sociology.

Castle preview:

A peek at student creativity

As a service to the Wartburg community, we bring you this preview to the 1989 Castle.

The Castle is Wartburg's literary magazine published annually. Each year it accepts submissions of poems, photos, essays, short stories and short plays. Submitted works are judged on merit and qualify by a committee of judges from the Wartburg faculty and staff.

Below is a sampling of works to be included in the next Castle.

I sat down to write
Something inside of me
Had to form
From slumber to the rainbow's end
It cried out
Peace
I want to rest
For two years it
Pushed, Tugged deleted my hopes
It knew pain
Draining my energy
I couldn't go on
So I sat down to write
Something inside of me
Said peace
I wept

Jane Hogle
junior

Dead Flowers and Dill Pickles

I look out the window, the same window I've looked out day after day for. . .I can't even remember how long we've been here. Three days? Three weeks? Forever.

I hate this place with its grey walls and antiseptic smell. Those dead flowers on the shelf and the piles of cards from people who want you to think that they care but are just too afraid to come see you in person.

Listen to me, telling you how much I hate this place. You with those sickening tubes sticking out of you all over, doctors and nurses poking and prodding, and here I sit complaining.

Actually, I wonder if it isn't easier for you. I mean, do you know what's going on? Do you know what's happening to you? Do you even hear me?. .

Melissa Bonstead
senior

Not Only Gentlemen Prefer Hanes

For centuries people have been very conscious of what they have worn on their heads. In the days of Cleopatra, armored helmets and beaded caps were popular.

In Beethoven's day elaborate wigs were the fashion and in the days of the pilgrims, plain white caps for women and tall dark hats for men were the "rage." Of course, white and black cowboy hats will always be reminders of the Wild West.

As the years have passed, head gear has become less and less elaborate, and today the emphasis is more on hairstyles.

Everyone has his or her own preference, though, and mine is to wear pantyhose on my head. The storage space in the legs, the massaging feeling of the elastic waist, and the ability to get cash quickly are three contributing factors to my preference.

Extra storage space is something I always need, and with a small purse there is none; however, the two legs of the pantyhose provide it for me. I hate carrying a large purse; consequently, I would have to leave extra items at home somedays.

But, as I was walking down the hall one day, I realized that if girls could put actual legs in the leg compartments of pantyhose, then I could put my extra items in them.

Soon after I began to put books, pencils, kleenex, and even hair brushes in the legs. Of course, carrying so many items on a person's head is a hard art to master. A person must first learn how to balance the stuffed legs and remember to put equal amounts of junk in each one. This form of storage space does have one drawback: walking through doorways is very hard.

When the legs are stuffed, however, they pull much tighter on the elastic waistband, creating a massaging feeling. This feeling has greatly reduced the amount of headaches I have. In fact, I find that I now have 90 percent more headache-free days than I had before I began to wear pantyhose on my head.

This feeling has also reduced my clothes bill. The massaging creates a tingling in my head, thus drawing attention away from coldness and preventing me from putting on a stocking cap. As a result I save $50 to $60 each year on hats now. Naturally, to create this feeling, I always wear tummy-control Hanes.

Finally, the pantyhose serve as a quick and easy way to get cash. Whenever I am low on currency, I simply pull the pantyhose down over my face and walk into a bank. No one has ever asked me if I have an account with their bank. The just hand me stacks of bills. I have never demanded or asked for money. I have never taken a gun with me either. They never try to stop me. Of course, like an honest American, I always accept the money.

Extra storage space, a massaging feeling, and a quick way to get cash are only three of the reasons I love to wear pantyhose on my head. Maybe as the years go on and the trends change, I will find another form of head gear. Who knows? Maybe next year I will switch to tights or wicker baskets.

I can only suggest to everyone that they buy stock in the pantyhose corporation. I may just start a new fad. For now I will just have to go on believing that not only gentlemen prefer Hanes.

Abby Gerlach
freshman

I Offer You. . .

You shall have all that you desire.
I will make it so.
I will till the earth
To bring you flowers.
I will mill the grain
To bake your loaves.
I shall build you a home
To keep you safe and warm.

I offer you the sun and moon.
I will sail the wind
To bring them to you.
I shall bind my sorrow's tears
With the bright ribbons
Of my heart
To cheer you in the sadness
That one day must come.

I do not ask
Recompense
Nor recognition
For what I give you.
Instead,
I desire only
To offer my heart's work
To Love's shade.

Janice Hofer
sophomore

Trumpet Classifieds: Person to person Valentine wishes

Dayna Lynn,
Life has never been better since I met you. Please be mine this Valentines and make me the happiest person on this earth.
Yours, R.D.S.

Stagasaurus, Eye.
Friends are forever.
I LOVE YOU!
Hugs, Munchkin

Family,
Have a great Valentines Day in Des Moines.
Love, Laura

Tony,
Being with you makes my life complete.
Love always, Yos

RAT,
U'R my teddy bear
Lots of Love,
Southern Belle

RG,
I do not want to make reasons for you to stay, only reasons for you to return.
Love, DJ

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Bob

Suite 107 strengthens Bremwood connection

by BEV EIDE

Life is full of surprises, and the women of Suite 107, The Residence, are the first to admit they are surprised. What started as a group project enabling them to live in the The Residence, turned into a cake walk.

It started when the eight women decided to live together in The Residence. To live in The Residence, applicants are required to submit a group project proposal. In discussing what they wanted to do, juniors Kristi Eckard, Vicki Baderschneider, Jodie Bergan, Angie Heuck, and sophomores Michelle Steege, Janet Jebsen, Angie Heilmann and Iris Newcom decided they would do volunteer work at Bremwood Lutheran Children's Home in Waverly.

Through arrangements made with Bremwood, the women spend one hour a week volunteering their time and talents. Steege, Bergan and Jebsen are in charge of special activities, involving activities like volleyball and Trivial Pursuit.

Eckard organizes weight training and Baderschneider works with the youth on ceramics. Heuck supervises and assists with the pottery class and both Heilmann and Newcom are responsible for arts and crafts.

The decision to do volunteer work at Bremwood was made, they said, because they wanted to benefit Wartburg and the community.

"We felt it would benefit the Wartburg-Bremwood connection, and provide integration between the two communities," Bergan said. "It also helps us in our major experiences and it's good volunteer experience."

Their volunteer work started in October and since that time they have found, much to their surprise, the project has become more than just a project.

"At first we thought it would be an easy project," Heuck said. "And it is, but not in the way we thought. We enjoy going there and it's really rewarding. I think, because of this project, we really appreciate living here (The Residence) a lot more."

Baderschneider agrees and laughs when she remembers back to the beginning of the project.

"When we started, and didn't know what it would be like, we would say, 'Oh, we have to go to Bremwood today'," Baderschneider said. "Now we want to go."

Besides reaping emotional benefits for from this project, the women have also seen changes in the Bremwood youth.

"I think it's been good because it means a lot to them. They like the fact college kids spend time with them. Baderschneider said. "They know that we care."

Jebsen agrees. She says the youth have opened up and share their lives with them.

"It's fun to go there and we go there to have fun," Bergan said. "It's person-to-person. When we were doing weight lifting as an activity, they would share a lot. We heard a lot about their lives!"

As much as they have enjoyed their experience, the women all agree it has also been a sobering one. In sharing their lives with the women, the Brem-wood youth have told them the sad circumstances which led to their becoming residents at Bremwood.

"They have opened my eyes a lot to what society has put on children these days," Heilmann said. "Some parents are throwing their kids on the street. It makes me realize how lucky I am coming from my family."

The women have come to believe strongly in Bremwood and its mission to help troubled youth.

"Bremwood seems to be an excellent place," Bergan said. "They provide a supporting environment to the kids and the staff there is great with them."

Their project ends in April, but before they're done, the women of Suite 107 want to help Bremwood celebrate it 125th anniversary by giving a gift of athletic equipment to the youth as a reminder of the Wartburg-Bremwood connection for years to come.

To help raise money for the gift, there will be a Bremwood birthday celebration on campus Saturday, Feb. 18, featuring a cake walk at halftime of the men's basketball game.

Tickets for the cake walk will be sold at the game for 50 cents. The 50 cent donation will be used toward the purchase of the athletic equipment. After the game, a free dance will be held in Buhr Lounge from 10-12 p.m. At that time, there will be several more cake walks as well as free servings of birthday cake and punch.

Heuck says the dance is open to all members of the Wartburg community; students, faculty, staff and their families.

Heuck, who is serving as chairperson for the on-campus events, said its important to have something on campus because of the relationship between the two communities. "Besides our group, music therapy, social work, other students do a lot at Bremwood," Heuck said. "We are an important part of Bremwood."

Dr. August Waltmann, professor of math and Bremwood board member, says the on-campus celebration is one way to increase people's awareness of what Wartburg volunteers are doing at Bremwood.

"This group of young women, as well as music therapy and social work students and the Faith Alive group, demonstrates lots of Wartburg student involvement on this campus," Waltmann said. "This is certainly appreciated by the Bremwood community. We want to lift it up at this time in celebration of Bremwood's 125th anniversary."

Family planning, sexuality important aspect of marriage

by SHERI WEARDA

"Sexuality is a gift from God and it is something good, but unfortunately it is something that our society views negatively," said Campus Pastor Larry Trachte in Tuesday's pre-marriage class.

The session, dealing with sexuality and family planning, was led by Patty Driscoll, a Wartburg alum who works at the women's clinic, a branch of Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

Driscoll discussed the various forms of contraception and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Students were given the opportunity to view the contraceptives and ask questions.

"No form of contraception is 100 percent effective," Driscoll said. "Each time you have intercourse you run the risk of becoming a parent."

Driscoll stressed the importance of being comfortable with a contraceptive in order for it to be effective.

"You need to be comfortable with the contraceptive," Driscoll said. "If you're not comfortable, you will not use it right. You also need to read the directions and understand how to use the contraceptive. Don't ever just assume anything."

For couples, choosing a form of contraception is not always easy Driscoll said. Couples need to decide what is best for them. It is important to choose a form that both partners are comfortable with.

"You cannot have one partner push the other," Trachte said. "You need to talk it over and work together."

Driscoll is a strong advocate of planning pregnancy. When doing this, the female needs to examine things such as her diet, smoking and drinking habits and her lifestyle in general.

Financing your marriage will be the topic of tomorrow's class. Assistant Professor of Economics Lois Lindell will offer some practical tips and financial advice.

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Ventriloquist to provide unique twist

by TAMI ELLIOTT

If you are sick of seeing the usual dummies around campus, next Monday night will offer a refreshing change.

Jim Barber and his "dummy" will display their unusual relationship and talents Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

The Barber and Seville is a ventriloquist and dummy team with a unique twist. For all practical purposes, the "dummy" controls Barber.

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Win 'ugly' against William Penn

Knights close in on title

by BRAD TROW

Buzz Levick's Wartburg Knights took two giant steps towards garnering the Iowa Conference basketball championship. They did so by defeating Central and William Penn, this past week. The wins, 71-59 over Central on Tuesday and 65-40 over Penn Friday, helped the Knights maintain their two game lead over Dubuque and Loras.

Tuesday night's clash with the Dutch in Pella started out with Wartburg going out to a quick 8-0 lead. Central came back and made things quite close in the first half. The momentum shifted back to the Knights when Chris Hueckstead connected on a three-point goal with one second left in the half.

After the first back of the second half was scored by Central to tie the game, Levick's cagers regained the lead and never looked back. After a Central timeout with 11:34 left, Wartburg went on a 13-2 run. The Dutch pulled to within eight at 61-53, but that's the closest that they would get.

On the scoring outlook, Hueckstead led the Knights with 14. Senior Mike Murphy added 13, while Rich Williamson, Todd Reinhardt and Mark Olenius added 12 each. Olenius and Williamson also led Wartburg with seven rebounds each.

Williamson said that the Knights expected a rough game at Central. "We knew it was going to be a tough game", said the senior guard from Lyle, Minnesota. "Central has been playing well."

On the first half, Williamson commented that the Knights were a little tense in their play. But he felt that the trifecta connected on by Hueckstead gave Wartburg the spark they needed. "That gave us some confidence", said Williamson.

Friday night's game with the Statesmen from Oskaloosa was the Knights' first appearance at home since their 70-59 loss to Loras on January 25. The game didn't live up to either team's expectations. At halftime, the Knights held a 27-16 lead.

In the second half, Wartburg continued to expand its lead and completed their 65-40 win. Murphy, one of the leading contenders for Most Valuable Player of the Iowa Conference, led the Knights with 18. Junior Mike Lee contributed 16 off of the bench and Olenius, continuing to fill in for sophomore Dan Nettleton, added 15. Lee also led the Knights with 14 rebounds.

Lee was very pleased with his performance. "It was the game of my career", said the center from Manly. Lee said that the Knights knew they had to win in order to continue to control their own destiny. Williamson said it was the Knights worst performance of the season as a team.

"They played worse than we did", added Williamson. Williamson did see the performance of Lee and Olenius as positive for the Knights. "It really helped to have Olenius around", he added.

This week the Knights travel to Sioux Center to take on Dordt on Tuesday. Saturday, the Iowa Conference road continues as they host Upper Iowa. The Knights are not too concerned about the Dordt contest.

According to Williamson, the Knights are very focused on the conference season. Lee added "We're going to play Dordt without really preparing." Both see Saturday's contest as crucial to Wartburg's quest for another conference title.

Lee said "If we were beaten by them [Upper Iowa], it would ruin the season." Williamson agreed and felt that a loss would really put pressure on the Knights last two games at Loras and at home against Buena Vista.

Currently, Wartburg stands at 11-2 in conference play and 18-4 overall. A win Saturday night would clinch at least a tie for the title.

UNCONTESTED!–Sophomore Todd Reinhardt drives in for a easy lay up against William Penn. The Knights went on to win, 65-40. Craig Gustafson photo.

Defeat Central, William Penn

Lady Knights win two

by MARK ADKINS

As the Wartburg women's basketball team finished the week with two victories, they found themselves cheering for both Loras and Dubuque to knock off conference leading Luther.

However, the Iowa Conference race remains in the hands of the Norse as they defeated Loras, 83-66, and Dubuque, 77-64.

Senior Beth Warner remains hopeful for a playoff spot. "I think now a conference title is unrealistic. Luther is on a roll and they would have to lose all three and we would have to win all three to win the title. I just hope that a 20-5 record is good enough to get into the playoffs."

The Knights kept going towards that goal as they won both of their games this past week.

On Tuesday, the trip to Pella was successful as they defeated Central, 86-69. The Knights had another good balanced scoring attack against the Dutch.

Freshman Lisa Uhlenhopp continued to ravage Wartburg's foes as she led the Knights with 18. Kim Sheda followed with 17, Warner hit for 16, and Krismar Anderson had 10.

According to Warner, the Knights streaked to a 12-4 lead and went on from there.

"We got them down early and had just one slow spot. It was near the end of the half again. Coach [Monica] Severson called timeout and we got things adjusted," Warner said. "It was a good all-around ballgame for us. There were no terrible lapses and it was just a big road win."

On Friday, the Lady Statesmen came up from Oskaloosa. According to Warner, it was the first win for the seniors against William Penn. The 67-64 win was iced by two Uhlenhopp free throws down the stretch.

Penn tried two three-pointers late but they wouldn't fall.

"It was a wonderful win for us. We really wanted to beat Penn because they got us by 19 down there," Warner said. "It is even a bigger win when you see that we didn't have Kathy Smith. She was sick but their center was also ill, so things were even."

According to Warner, even if the Knights don't get in, it will be a great year. "This has been one of the best years for this program. We've turned things around and the talent coming back for next season is good."

The Knight schedule for this week shows a home contest against Upper Iowa on Saturday. "They have had a tough year. They are not real talented but they won't just die for us," Warner said. "We have to make sure that we're prepared and that we don't look sloppy during the game." In an earlier contest, Wartburg won at Fayette, 85-45.

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Tracksters fare well at own invitational

by LANE GOOS

The Wartburg's men's track team finished third in their own invitational despite fine efforts by a very young team.

The Knights, who scored 89 points, came in behind Northwestern with 108 and Loras with 97.

Terry Allen finished first with a jump of 6'4" in the high jump to start things off.

"I felt the freshmen performed quite well," said senior Kori Stoffregen, "Considering it was only their first or second meet."

Stoffregen finished second in the mile despite running well.

"I'm disappointed that I lost but I was pleased with the way I ran," Stoffregen added.

Bob Howie placed second in the 880 with a time of 2.00.21. Howie also teamed up with sophomore Mike Bachus, senior Tony Harris and freshman Eric Sigg in the 4 x 400 which placed third with the time of 3:26.3. Harris did a fine job anchoring the relay as he came from last place to finish third.

"I think I ran on pure determination during this race," Harris said. "I felt extremely tired but I just couldn't allow myself to quit."

Harris also place third in the 55 meters.

In the two mile freshman Todd Houge finished first with a time of 9.51.01 while senior Nick Van Langen came in third.

The two mile relay team of freshmen Tom Alpers, Brian Middendorf, Matt Duffee and Kevin Kearney placed second.

"We competed well against good competition from the conference," said senior Joe Morgan. "I feel the next time we'll beat Loras."

The women also faired well as they finished second with 104 points compared to Northwestern's 133.

This was a fine performance considering the youth of the squad.

Senior Lisa Ness finished first in the high jump with a leap of 4'10".

Senior Amy Powell also came up with a first place as she jumped 3'11 3/4" in the triple-jump while sophomore Kim Folkerts finished second.

"Many people ran in unusual spots as fill-ins," said sophomore Sue Chapman, "and performed quite well to give the team more points."

In the two mile freshman Kristen Robinson finished first with the time of 12:57.3 and sophomore Jackie Smith came in third. Freshman Amy Zubak placed third in the 1,000 yard run.

Chapman, who has been bothered by a sore hamstring, came up with a second place finish in the 55 meter hurdles.

"I think i ran as well as I could expect," said Chapman.

The four lap relay of sophomore Angie Heilmann, freshman Michelle Nieman, Ness and Folkerts placed second.

The mile relay of Chapman, Heilmann, Amy Arjes and Katie Welden also came up with a third place finish.

The two mile relay of Smith, Robertson, Zubak and freshman Jenn Fredrick placed second.

"I think the team performed quite well as a whole," said Folkerts. "We're progressing each meet."

This week Coach O'Brien will split his squads and send half to a very competitive UNI Open on Friday evening, while the other athletes will travel to Cornell on Saturday giving much needed experience to his squads.

UP, UP AND AWAY–Freshman Craig Conti soars through the air for the Knights in the triple jump. Wartburg had an excellent showing at their own invitational. Craig Gustafson photo.

Gavin sets record; Reaches for Goal

by BOB HOWIE

1,2,3,...,98 (new record), 99,100,...,112 and still counting. These numbers are not important to most people, but to senior Dean Gavin, they are most intriguing.

They represent the total number of career wins on the mat for Gavin. Gavin's career record at Wartburg stands at an impressive 112 wins and 34 losses, for a 77 percent winning mark.

1975 graduate Lowell Kuecker had the old record of 97 wins and Gavin is the first Wartburg grappler to exceed the one-hundred win mark. Gavin got wins 98 and 100 at the Midwest Championships in Des Moines.

With 112 wins, Gavin is still hungry for more. "My goal is to win 120 matches." said Gavin. That may take some doing on Gavin's part. With the conference tournament coming up, Gavin is expecting to wrestle three times, which will give him 115 wins. Then, hopefully, at the national meet, Gavin will wrestle four times and win the 190-pound title. This would only give him 119 career wins.

"I want to win the Division III title and that would qualify me for the Division I Championships down in Oklahoma." said Gavin. "Then I would have the chance to go for number 120." These may seem like high goals but Gavin emphasizes that 112 wins are high goals anyway.

Gear up for tourny

Grapplers 'stick' Simpson, Upper Iowa

by BEN HUPKE

Wartburg's grapplers finished their dual season with victories over Iowa Conference foes Simpson, 31-13, and Upper Iowa, 34-8. The 10th-ranked Knights finished their dual season, 10-3.

Wartburg's respective dual record and second place finishes at the Wartburg Invitational and the All-Lutheran tourney have set the tone for this Friday's Iowa Conference tournament at the University of Dubuque. The meet is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Freshmen Mike Powell and Eric Stotts provided the Knights momentum early against Simpson as Powell decisioned Steve Price, 7-3, at 118, and Stotts earned a 9-0 major decision over Kirk Bond at 126.

Simpson's Eric Vinton recorded the Redmen's first victory by defeating Pat King, 10-2, at 134. With Wartburg leading, 7-4, the Redmen forfeited to Senior Jeff Frost to increase the Knights lead to, 13-4.

The Redmen owned the next three matches. At 150, Simpson's Travis Young decisioned Jeff Hill, 13-8. Mike Porter avenged an early season loss to Matt Rechkemmer to decision Rechkemmer, 6-4. At 167, Jason Decker upset Senior Jeff Voss, 10-7.

Seniors Dean Gavin and Jack Denholm lead the Knights to victory over the Redmen. Gavin flattened Brad Van Ee in 1:38 at 190, while Denholm tossed J.D. Kuehl in 2:52 at 177. Jerad Kruse ended the meet silently winning via a forfeit.

On Saturday, the Knights dominated Upper Iowa in the final dual of the season.

The Knights managed seven victories and a draw enroute to a 34-8 victory.

Stotts and Gavin recorded falls for the Knights. Stotts threw John Ward in 1:41 at 126, and Gavin technical fell Jerry Kramer in 4:15 at 190.

Wartburg's Frost defeated Dale Meyer, 7-1, at 142; Steve Walker decisioned Matt Klein, 3-1, at 158; and Voss decisioned Mark Kawolsky, 6-0, at 167. Pat King drew with John Holm, 4-4, at 126, while Stacy Flege and Denholm won via forfeit.

The Peacock's received victories from Jim Bogash and Tim Macal. Bogash decisioned Hill, 7-1, at 150, while Macal decisioned Kruse, 3-0, at heavyweight.

The 10th ranked Knights will participate in the strenuous IIAC tournament on Friday at the University of Dubuque.

The meet will feature 5th-ranked Central and 6th-ranked Buena Vista. Luther will also challenge for an upper-half finish in the prestigious meet.

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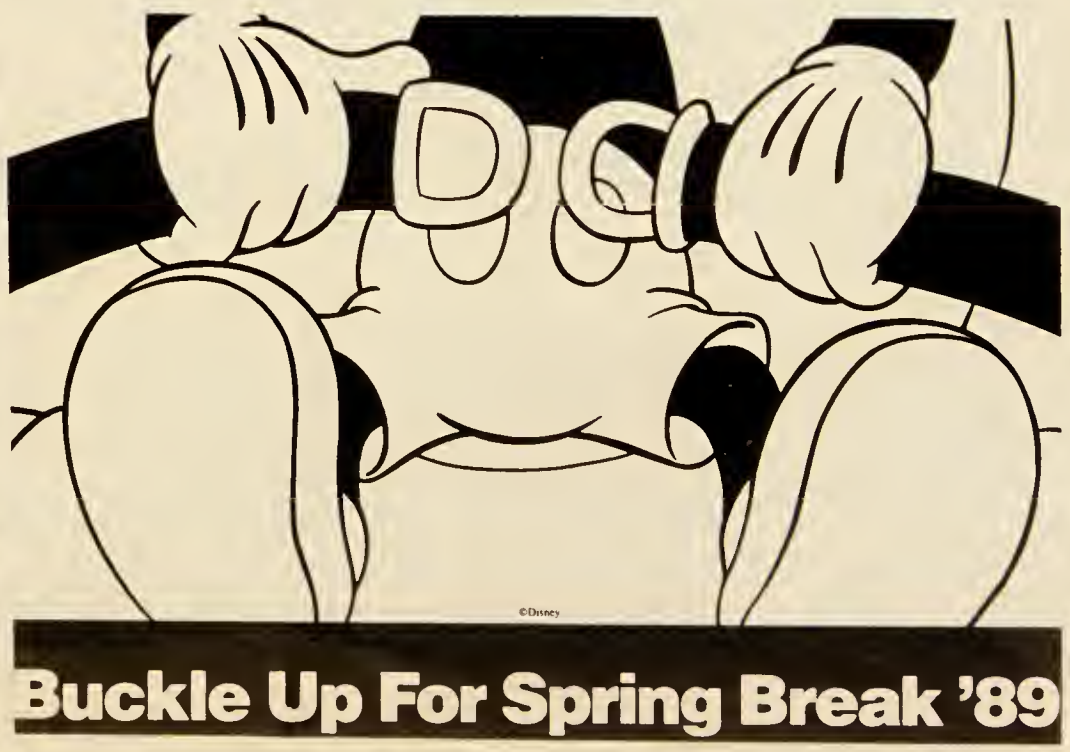

AIDS hits home

Student tells story

by ANNE-MARIE PETERS

This is the story of a boy named Todd. It isn't a happy or pleasant story. There is no hero, no wild romance and certainly no crazy scheme. Superman doesn't come to the rescue and good doesn't prevail over evil. Love doesn't blossom and that match "made in heaven" never exists. It is a grim story full of pain and suffering.

Sound dramatic? Well, for senior Carla Smith, Todd's story was. Todd contracted the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which led to his AIDS-related death last December.

"Todd and I grew up together. We were always good friends," Smith explained. "My initial reaction was total shock. It was like I'd run into a brick wall. Something like AIDS is so abstract in your mind and so unthought of, it was hard to believe it was real."

She went on, "I can use my intellectual ability to think about AIDS. Before I found out about Todd, it was all on a statistical, non-human level. I was concerned only about what AIDS is and how it affects people.

"But once I found out about Todd's death, I felt a surge of emotion that I almost couldn't stand. There was hurt and anger. I wanted to scream at the world, 'It's not fair!' It was an eerie feeling. It was scary. Here was this behind-the-scenes dirty disease. Suddenly it was real."

Smith continued, "AIDS took the life of one of my best friends. That's hard to fathom–to let it sink in."

But Todd's story didn't begin at his death. It started in a small town in Iowa.

"We grew up together. He lived across the street from me," Smith remembers: "We were really close friends even though he was a boy and I was a girl.

AIDS took the life of one of my best friends.
–Carla Smith

"It seemed funny because I was kind of a tomboy. I liked to play with guy things, but he was kind of the opposite. He always wanted to play with my Barbie dolls," she said.

As they grew up, Todd had a lot of problems with kids calling him names and making fun of him. He was very feminine. In high school, Smith said she could sense that something was wrong.

"He had a lot of problems with school and making friends. But despite all of that, Todd and I still remained really good friends. He was close to me. I knew he was strange, but something always drew me toward him as a friend."

One particular conversation seemed to mark the change in Todd's life.

"One time in high school he came to me and asked if he could talk to me about something really serious. He told me that he had a date with an older business man.

"At first I was really shocked and afraid," Smith said. " Todd told me he was having an inner conflict about what sexual preference he wanted. I tried to see things from his perspective.

"His home life was really bad. His parents weren't very kind and he had a hard time with kids at school," she said.

Despite his home life and school troubles, Smith advised Todd to "forget everyone else and to think for himself. He had tried to be heterosexual. He tried to be 'normal.' He just wasn't happy.

"After we had that talk, he really started coming out of the closet. By the time we graduated, he was outright homosexual," Smith said.

After graduation, Todd moved to the Twin Cities where his sexual orientation was more accepted and he got involved in a gay community.

"He was very blunt with me about his relationships," Smith said. "He would come home once in awhile and we would talk about his homosexuality.

"He was happy because he finally fit in. As time went on, I saw him less and less. I hadn't seen him for probably two years when I got the call that he had died of AIDS."

Smith said, "Life for Todd was hard because he went against what his parents believed, what our traditional neighborhood believed and against everything he was brought up in.

"I expressed my understanding and my love for him, but I think when AIDS came into the picture, Todd categorized me with everyone else. I came to grips with his homosexuality, but not with AIDS.

"He classified me with the rest of the American public that was just scared to death of that disease and was too afraid to get in touch with me and let me know," Smith went on. "I think he thought I would regard him in a negative way. He generalized me with everyone else. AIDS is a big part of the homosexual world."

She continued the story, "He still loved his lifestyle. I really think homosexuality is just a preference. I respected his strength to be in that lifestyle. Todd didn't take any tangible precautions, but for him, the risk of contracting AIDS was worth living in the homosexual world."

In Smith's opinion, "In the first few years after high school, he ran just wild with this new lifestyle because it had been repressed for so many years. He told me of numerous erotically strange sexual relations that he had. At first it scared me but as we talked, I came to grips with the way he was. I don't think AIDS struck him as a serious disease."

Smith says she would like to see more open mindedness from the public.

"AIDS is a reality and it has to be faced. These people need care. They need to know that someone is out there to love them. When you have loved ones that choose this lifestyle, how can you not accept them?"

Smith also said, "Sexual preference is just that. It's something you decide upon within you. Like I prefer to wear sweats today instead of jeans. I would much rather see someone live the lifestyle they felt as justified than to live according to someone else's rules and expectations. They may be different. But it's not weird or strange, it's just a different choice.

"More open communication is needed. The gay community is ridiculed a lot. We use the term too loosely. It's not a term to throw on people who are feminine or different from ourselves. It should be used for what it is–to denote a different sexual preference.

"To judge someone for their sexual preference is to short change them because you're missing the human factor," she said.

"I think Todd was a beautiful person," Smith concluded. "I resolved a conflict at the same time he was resolving a conflict. The bottom line was that he was my friend. He never deserved to hurt. AIDS is a real threat. It isn't something you just read about anymore."

Be informed:

What is AIDS?

AIDS stands for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. It is a disease caused by a virus that can damage the brain and destroy the body's ability to fight off illness. AIDS by itself doesn't kill. But it allows other infections to invade the body. At the present time, there is no known cure for AIDS, and no vaccine that prevents the disease. You should know these facts:

1. AIDS is not spread by casual contact in schools, at parties, in swimming pools, stores or the workplace.
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How do people get AIDS?

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Will you get AIDS from kissing?

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If you are sexually active: Enter into a mutually faithful, single-partner relationship with an uninfected person, or at least be sure to reduce your risk by using condoms.

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